

# **Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Act of 2002 Application Package**

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## PART I

### Grantee Information

Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_

Project Title\_\_\_\_\_

Project Manager\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (    )                      Fax Number (    )

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Tax Payer ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of project:\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of grant request:\_\_\_\_\_

### Landowner Information

Name of  
Landowner\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (    )                      Fax Number (    )

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Project Location (County, nearest City and major crossroad) \_\_\_\_\_

## PART II

### Required Attachments

Complete applications must contain the following attachments and certifications to facilitate the review of the grant request. Applications that do not contain the required attachments will be returned to the applicant.

1. Project location map (regional and site specific).
2. Six color, 4 x 6 photographs of the project site.
3. A map that displays the following information: (1) the exterior boundaries of the entire property with corresponding parcel numbers, (2) the exterior boundaries and parcel numbers of the project site area subject to the conservation easement, (3) the location of any proposed agriculturally intensified areas and, (4) regional landscape areas of importance in relation to the proposed project.
4. Please indicate the total number of acres associated with the entire property and the number of acres subject to the terms and conditions of the conservation easement.
5. If agricultural intensification (see definition) is to be included in the easement area, identify the location, number of acres and a brief history of the present and past use.
6. Name and mailing address of all adjacent landowners.
7. Name and mailing address of existing mineral right holders as identified in the county where the property is located.
8. Complete, Self-Contained Appraisal Report, prepared in conformance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP) establishing the fair market easement value of the property. At the discretion of the applicant and landowner, the appraisal can be submitted with the initial application, however, this is not a requirement. Appraisals can be submitted for review after the applicant has been notified by WCB the proposal has met the minimum eligibility requirements and will be considered for further Board review.
9. In an attachment, please describe the easement holder's specific monitoring plan for the property. To facilitate the review process, please describe/list activities that are prohibited by the easement, as well as any compatible uses that may occur.

10. Draft copy of the proposed conservation easement that will be used to protect the rangeland, grazing land and/or grasslands. The easement shall contain at a minimum, information requested in item number 4 and 5 above as well as, any building or agricultural envelopes to be excluded from the terms and conditions of the proposed easement.

## Required Certifications

1. Pursuant to Section 10336, the grantee or holder of the conservation easement hereby certifies to review, no less than every two years, the terms and conditions of the conservation easement. The grantee or holder of the conservation easement further agrees to provide the Wildlife Conservation Board with a written status report detailing the findings of the review.
2. Pursuant to the requirement of Section 10338 (c), the project applicant and the landowner, hereby agree the conservation easement is not required to satisfy a condition imposed upon the seller by any lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use issued by one or more public agencies, including but not limited to , the mitigation of significant effects on the environment of a project pursuant to an approved environmental impact report or mitigated negative declaration required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (Commencing with Section 21000)).
3. Pursuant to the requirement of Section 10338 (d), the project applicant and the landowner, hereby acknowledge, unless otherwise specified in an attached Disclosure Statement, that there are no known or suspected environmental conditions associated with the property.
4. The landowner and applicant certify the proposed project is consistent with local governmental land use plans and zoning requirements.

We hereby certify and agree to the terms and conditions of the above requirements.

### **Applicant Certification:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Landowner Certification:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III**  
**Program Guidelines & Selection Criteria**

**GRAZING**

**GUIDELINE: PROTECT THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING.**

**Applicant should describe how the proposed project addresses each of the following criteria:**

1. The range sites located on the property and how they contribute toward the sustainability of the ranching operation.
2. The current and historic uses of the property, including carrying capacity, stocking rate, and the long-term plan for continuity and sustainability of the ranch operation.
3. Compatible economic activities in operation or contemplated in the future for the property.
4. Opportunities to work with local ranchers/landowners to further promote grazing opportunities.
5. Stewardship practices the landowner implemented (or agreed to implement) that makes the ranch operation unique and promotes the conservation and integrity of the economic operation and the resource values present on the property.
6. The long-term economic viability reflects a measure of overall net financial return from grazing and/or other compatible economic uses of the property. Please explain how the long-term economic viability will be maintained as a result of this project. Please address the internal & external infrastructure, role in sustaining regional grazing operations & competitive operational activities in the region.

## THREAT TO PROPERTY

### **GUIDELINE: PREVENT THE CONVERSION OF RANGELAND, GRAZING LAND AND GRASSLANDS TO NONAGRICULTURAL USES.**

**Applicant should describe how the proposed project addresses each of the following criteria:**

1. Any current and/or potential land use threat to the property.
2. The property's current zoning contributes or does not contribute to the long-term use of the property as grazing land.
3. Provisions referenced in the "draft" easement that limits non-agricultural uses to those consistent with the Principles of Compatible Use.
4. Interest (if any) in converting rangeland, grazing land or grasslands to intensified agricultural uses.
5. What makes this project unique in protecting rangeland, grazing land and grasslands?
6. As a landowner, what are your reasons for participating in this program?
7. Regional landscape threats or opportunities that may impact the proposed project, i.e., adjacent lands protected in perpetuity with agricultural or conservation easements or adjacent lands proposed for development or conversion.

## REGIONAL, COMMUNITY AND ECOLOGICAL GOALS

**GUIDELINE: ENSURE CONTINUED WILDLIFE, WATER QUALITY, WATERSHED AND OPEN-SPACE BENEFITS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM LIVESTOCK GRAZING.**

**Applicant should describe how the proposed project addresses each of the following criteria:**

1. The approximate number of acres of habitat types found on the property (for example, wetlands, riparian, grasslands, chaparral, oak woodlands, vernal pools, or mixed conifer). Include a description of the soil types found on the project site.
2. The aquatic, terrestrial, plant and animal species that may benefit from this proposal.
3. How does the size of this property promote ecological integrity and provide wildlife habitat values?
4. How the easement will protect or enhance the property's water quality and watershed, including a description of any water quality projects or activities planned for future implementation.
5. Sufficiency of surface and ground water rights on the property and protected by the easement to achieve the long-term operational goals of the ranch. Describe current and future, compatible uses for the water, for example, grazing, irrigation and future uses (bed and breakfast).
6. Will this project protect historic or archeological values or unique geologic features?
7. Any open space values that will be protected as a result of the project.
8. The project location in relation to other protected areas (for example; state parkland, wildlife areas, Williamson Act lands, land protected with an agricultural or wildlife easement).